

2016 Soil Health Steward of the Year Brad and Amanda Wilford



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This year the Grundy Co. Soil & Water Conservation District Board decided to begin recognizing farmers who focus on improving the health of their soils, in order to ensure long-term sustainability and production.

This year's Soil Health Award goes to Brad & Amanda Wilford.

On their farm, Brad & Amanda have combined the use of cover crops, no-till, and crop rotation, to help improve soil structure and biology, and increase soil carbon content and organic matter. These methods also increase water infiltration, which decreases runoff and erosion and helps keep nutrients from leaving the fields. When combined, these practices help ensure long-term sustainability of crop production.

Because of their efforts to improve the soils, the Board is pleased to present the 2016 Grundy County Soil Health Award to Brad & Amanda Wilford.